

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 10

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

January 26, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Relative to California Arbor Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 10, as introduced, Dickinson. California Arbor Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of March 7 to March 14 of each year as California Arbor Week, and would urge California residents to observe the week with appropriate tree planting activities and programs.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally to encourage
2 Americans to maintain and replenish our country’s vast forests,
3 orchards, and woodlands; and

4 WHEREAS, In California, we also observe Arbor Day starting
5 on the birthday of Luther Burbank, a famed California
6 horticulturalist whose life’s labor produced hundreds of plants and
7 trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food
8 production in our state; and

9 WHEREAS, Trees are a vital resource in beautifying our urban
10 environment and serve as an important psychological link with
11 nature for California’s urban residents and underserved
12 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Trees are a valuable economic asset in our cities
2 that help maintain or increase property values and attract business
3 and new residents in urban areas; and

4 WHEREAS, Trees play an important role in energy conservation
5 by modifying temperature extremes with shade and humidity, and
6 are particularly important in reducing the amount of energy
7 consumed in heating and cooling buildings and homes; and

8 WHEREAS, Trees planted in urban areas play a significant role
9 in meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
10 by sequestering carbon as well as reducing energy consumption;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Trees directly contribute to improving California's
13 air quality by reducing air pollution, removing airborne particulates
14 from the atmosphere, and helping to purify the air; and

15 WHEREAS, Trees play a significant role in protecting and
16 purifying California's limited water resources by reducing surface
17 runoff, contributing to storm water management activity, and
18 protecting urban water resources; and

19 WHEREAS, Trees provide essential habitat for much of
20 California's wildlife, including many listed, threatened, and
21 endangered species; and

22 WHEREAS, Trees enhance the aesthetic quality of life in urban
23 communities by providing a natural buffer for surface noise and
24 a natural recreational resource for California's children and at-risk
25 youth; and

26 WHEREAS, California has more urban and community forestry
27 organizations than any other state simply because trees, green
28 spaces, and the canopy cover are so important to our children, our
29 residents, and visitors to our state; and

30 WHEREAS, Maximizing the benefits of trees through
31 multiple-objective projects that contribute to public infrastructure
32 services can provide cost-effective solutions to the needs of
33 underserved and severely underserved communities, as well as
34 urban and suburban areas, by harnessing the aforementioned
35 benefits provided by trees; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
38 week of March 7 to March 14 of each year as California Arbor
39 Week, and urges California residents to observe the week with
40 appropriate tree planting activities and programs; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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